

later than 4:00 p.m. EDT August 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: All nominations shall be submitted to Stephen D. Nightingale, M.D., Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability, Office of Public Health and Science, Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201. Phone (202) 690-5560.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen D. Nightingale, M.D., Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability, Office of Public Health and Science, Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201. Phone (202) 690-5560.

NOMINATIONS: Persons nominated for membership should be from among authorities knowledgeable in blood banking, transfusion medicine, bioethics and/or related disciplines. Members shall be selected from State and local organizations, blood and blood products industry including manufacturers and distributors, advocacy groups, consumer advocates, provider organizations, academic researchers, ethicists, private physicians, scientists, consumer advocates, legal organizations and from among communities of persons who are frequent recipients of blood and blood products.

INFORMATION REQUIRED: Each nomination shall consist of a package that, at a minimum, includes:

A. The name, return address, daytime telephone number and affiliation of the individual being nominated, the basis for the individual's nomination, the category for which the individual is nominated and a statement that the nomination individual is willing to serve as a member of the committee;

B. The name, return address and daytime telephone number at which the nominator may be contacted. Organizational nominators must identify a principal contact person in addition to the contact information;

C. A copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae.

All nomination information for a nominee must be provided in a complete single package. Incomplete nominations will not be considered. Nomination materials must bear original signatures, and facsimile transmissions or copies are not acceptable.

Dated: July 15, 1998.

Stephen D. Nightingale,

Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Interest Rate on Overdue Debts

Section 30.13 of the Department of Health and Human Services' claims collection regulation (45 CFR Part 30) provides that the Secretary shall charge an annual rate of interest as fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury after taking into consideration private consumer rates of interest prevailing on the date that HHS becomes entitled to recovery. The rate generally cannot be lower than the Department of Treasury's current value of funds rate or the applicable rate determined from the "Schedule of Certified Interest Rates with Range of Maturities." This rate may be revised quarterly by the Secretary of the Treasury and shall be published quarterly by the Department of Health and Human Services in the **Federal Register**.

The Secretary of the Treasury has certified a rate of 13¾% for the quarter ended June 30, 1998. This interest rate will remain in effect until such time as the Secretary of the Treasury notifies HHS of any change.

Dated: July 16, 1998.

George Strader,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research's (AHCPR) intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to grant a "Voluntary Customer Satisfaction Survey Generic Clearance

for the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research." In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), AHCPR invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection request to allow AHCPR to conduct surveys.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 21, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Ruth A. Celtnieks, Reports Clearance Office, AHCPR, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 500, Rockville, MD 20852-4908.

All comments will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth A. Celtnieks, AHCPR Reports Clearance Office, (301) 594-1406, ext. 1497.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Project

Voluntary Customer Satisfaction Survey Generic Clearance for the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

In response to Executive Order 12862, the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) plans to conduct voluntary customer satisfaction surveys to assess strengths and weakness in program services. Customer satisfaction surveys to be conducted by AHCPR may include readership surveys from individuals using AHCPR automated and electronic technology data bases to determine satisfaction with the information provided or surveys to assess effects of the grants streamlining efforts. Results of these surveys will be used in future program planning initiatives and to redirect resources and efforts, as needed, to improve AHCPR program services. A generic approval will be requested from OMB to conduct customer satisfaction surveys over the next three years.

Method of Collection

The data will be collected using a combination of preferred methodologies appropriate to each survey. These methodologies are:

- Evaluation forms;
- Mail surveys;
- Automated and electronic technology (e.g., instant fax, AHCPR Clearinghouse Publications); and
- Telephone surveys

The estimated annual hour burden is as follows: